

(b) if so, the investment proposed to be made and source thereof; and

(c) the capacity proposed to be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) M/s ITI Ltd. has proposed modernisation, induction of new products and some expansion during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) The proposed investment is estimated to be Rs. 325 crores. The Company has requested for budgetary support, which will be examined in consultation with other concerned departments.

(c) The Company proposes to expand the capacity of C-Dot Switching Equipment. Keeping in view the demand, the Company also proposes to add capacities for new products viz. New Terminal Equipment, Access products, new products in Microwave etc.

Mica Industry

5370. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated for research and exploration work in Mica industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether proper utilisation of the above amount was made during the last three years of the plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof and amount spent on research and exploration work till December, 1996; and

(d) the details of the research and exploration work done for the development of Mica Industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d) During the field seasons 1994-95 and 1995-96 (within VIII plan period) Geological Survey of India carried out regional surveys for mica pegmatite and associated mica and rare earth minerals in Nellore Schist belt north of Pennar River, Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh and a total of Rs. 68,216/- (excluding salaries and allowances of the officials) was incurred.

In view of absence of new significant finds of Mica and other associated minerals, the investigation has been discontinued.

[Translation]

Setting up of Coach Factory in Gujarat

5371. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up rail coach factory in Gujarat especially in Tribal area of Chhota Udaipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are two coach manufacturing units in Indian Railways, one at Chennai and one at Kapurthala. Each factory can manufacture about 1000 coaches per year. In addition there are two factories in the public sector that are capable of manufacturing coaches.

With the available coach manufacturing capacity in the country, there is, at present, no proposal to set up another coach manufacturing unit.

Railway Crossings in Uttar Pradesh

5372. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to close down unmanned Railway crossings in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of such Railway crossings proposed to be closed down ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 105 Nos.

[English]

Travel By Jawans From Jammu and Kashmir Region

5373. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of armed forces and Para-military personnel travel in trains from Jammu and Kashmir region;

(b) if so, the facilities provided by railways to them;

(c) whether these Jawans travel in unreserved coaches for 2-3 days continuously due to lackness of reservation facilities;

(d) if so, the number of places where reservation facilities are available in Jammu and Kashmir region for these Jawans;

(e) whether the Government propose to provide computerised reservation extension counters at Srinagar, Udhampur and Rajori to facilitate these Jawans;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor;

(h) whether the Government propose to start Army